

Proof of Local Presence 2021

Johnson County Senior Services

Johnson County Senior Services was established in 1979 and has been caring for the needs of older adults throughout the Johnson County area for forty three years. The office is located in Whiteland, Indiana however, the services encompass the entire county. Johnson County Senior Services mission is to enhance the quality of life for older adults to live with dignity and maintain their independence, remain at home as long as possible, and to help seniors avoid or lessen isolation, loneliness, and depression by providing essential services.

Transportation

The principal program of Johnson County Senior Services is providing Door-To-Door Wheelchair Accessible transportation for individuals 60 years of age and older at **no charge**. The transportation service extends throughout Johnson County and as far north as Southport Road for Johnson County residents. Year-end 2021, Johnson County Senior Services logged 7,806 passenger trips and 13,530 trips pre-COVID. Although many of the trips were for passengers to receive life-saving treatment, as well as medical and non-medical appointments

Food Pantry

Johnson County Senior Services maintains a food pantry of nonperishable food items and household items to help supplement food and needed essentials not only for seniors but also to anyone in need. Johnson County Senior Services is the only agency in the entire county that delivers pantry food items to the homes of food insecure individuals. In addition, weekly and biweekly bulk deliveries are made to several locations.

Year-end 2021 Johnson County Senior Services distributed \$987,000 in pantry food items to individuals in need and at-risk. Johnson County Senior Services provided an average of 8,845 food insecure individual's pantry food pantry and personal hygiene items monthly.

Durable Medical Equipment

Johnson County Senior Services also has a pay it forward Durable Medical Equipment program. Johnson County Senior Services receives donated supplies and durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, canes, and bedside commodes etc. in good condition. The durable medical equipment is then given to seniors in need, at no charge. Johnson County Senior Services also provides supplies such as incontinence items, personal products, and toiletries, as well as other items seniors are in need of. Year-end 2021 Johnson County Senior Services distributed 2,900 pieces of durable medical equipment and over 4,000 packages of incontinence protection.

Seniors Still Believe

Many seniors throughout Johnson County suffer from isolation, loneliness, depression and serious illnesses. Many live alone and have lost their spouses and have no family. Sadly many are considered to be a burden to their family. This program allows us to partner with Five Kroger Stores, Southside Marketing Group, The Town of Whiteland, UpLift Johnson County, Nimble Thimble Quilt Club, Don Harrington Remax Advance Reality, Southside MIBOR, Main Street Hospice, Community Partners, Businesses, Deana Hawkins Carpenter Realtors, Several Churches, and Many Residents of Johnson County, all chose to make a positive difference in the lives 2,500 seniors with gifts to help brighten their 2021 Holiday Season.

Information & Assistance

Johnson County Senior Services receives calls daily requesting information regarding health and human services. In addition assistance to enhance the quality of life is also among the many calls received.

Sharing pertinent information to seniors is also made possible through many speaking engagements throughout the year to the Faith Community, Senior Events, Senior Living Communities including Section 8 Properties, Civic Organizations, and Fundraising Events etc.

Johnson County Senior Services responded to 29,000 walk-ins, incoming calls, and speaking engagements year-end 2021 which was yet another increase to 2020.